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13 April 1959

SUBJECT: Release of Equipment Information

TO: [REDACTED]

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Submitted herewith are three reports covering equipments developed under Contract [REDACTED] for your review.

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Memorandum for All Suppliers dated 21 December 1956 as attached to memorandum for [REDACTED] dated 3 January 1957, subject: "Release of Project Developed Systems, Subsystems, Components, Techniques and Technical Know-How to Department of Defense", outlines the general policy to be followed.

Paragraph 4.b. of the All Suppliers memo states each supplier is at liberty to provide information concerning its performance to potentially interested agencies of the United States Government and to business firms to which such disclosure is necessary in order to encourage the widest use of the subsystem for the purposes of the United States Government.

In view of the above policy, it is the opinion of this office that the inclosed reports can be released to Government agencies or Industry under the military classification as stamped on the reports and no special clearance or need-to-know established other than for Confidential or Secret.

Your concurrence in the release of these reports is requested.

It is further requested that these reports be returned following your review.

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1. Hycon Rpt "Description of Model HC-71 Camera System (C) Cy #5
2. Hycon Rpt "Description of Model HR-72 Camera System (C) Cy #26
3. Hycon Rpt "Description of Model HR-73B Camera

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1. We have considered your memorandum of 13 April 1959, captioned "Release of Equipment Information" and are unable to concur to the release of the attached three reports covering equipment developed under Contract AF33(600)-33725 to other Government agencies or Industry under the classification of confidential or secret.

2. We decline to concur because the existence of this hardware cannot be explained, and past performance data cannot be furnished without relating this hardware to the Project vehicle. The relation of this particular hardware to the Project vehicle would be an admission of a Project-vehicle capability which conceivably could destroy our cover story and create political repercussions that would necessitate discontinuance of this extremely valuable activity.

3. The basic ground rules for release of Project-related hardware to the defense community are spelled out in SAGC-11628, Memorandum For: All Suppliers; captioned: "Release of Project Developed Systems, Subsystems, Components, Techniques and Technical Know-How to Department of Defense." The problem which exists as related to Contract AF33(600)-33725 hardware is one of finding a tenable explanation for its development. To explain the hardware as being a company-proprietary development is unrealistic in this case and would prohibit the use of performance data from the Project vehicle to prove the merits of the hardware. To explain the hardware as having been developed in connection with a TS project to persons who are familiar with this type of hardware would be in effect to relate the hardware to the Project vehicle by inference.

4. On the other hand, were you to bring to our attention a plausible application of this hardware, it would be possible for us to clear and brief key persons within the activity concerned

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and thereby lay the necessary security groundwork for release of the hardware and performance data. Once we have established a non-Project related use for the hardware, we are in a position to refer to other than the Project for explanation of its development and for performance data. We are then able to release the hardware from the system.

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5. Until such time, however, we must insist that the attached booklets be retained within either the Project- or  channels.

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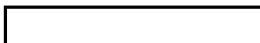
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